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PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE
OVERSEAS WARS IS POLITICAL AND NOT MILITARY, SET
FORTH IN NO. I. PARAGRAPH A) OF CHAPTER B OF THE ARMED
FORCES MOVEMENT'S PROGRAM, IMPLIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, RECOGNITION BY
PORTUGAL OF THE PEOPLES RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
ARTICLE 2: THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION, WITH ALL OF ITS CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDES
ACCEPTANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES AND THE CANCELLATION OF THE CORRESPONDING
PART OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF 1933. (COMMENT:
THAT ARTICLE DECLARES THAT TERRITORY OF PORTUGAL COMPRISES,
AMONG OTHERS, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA AND GUINEA.)

ARTICLE 3: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE JUNTA OF NATIONAL
SALVATION, THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT, TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO
THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT RECOGNIZED IN THE PRECEDING
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